

Carson Fisherman Yanks In Fish and a Good Story

By J. R. Gateley
John Calas, president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce, and a party of friends went fishing off Ensenada, Mexico, a few days ago and brought back one of the most unusual fish stories ever heard, as well as 1500 pounds of fish.

Mr. and Mrs. Calas, with Ruth Splan, Josephine Felella, Ray Wiseman and Ed Wiseman went fishing on the good ship Linda II last week, and near Ensenada they made their record catch of about 1500 pounds of fish. Every fish was weighed on standard scales.

Mrs. Calas, who was fishing with an 85-pound dry test line hooked a 600-pound black sea bass. The fish really put a fight. At times the fish pulled the 36-foot boat. Three people

fought the fish for an hour and a half when all of a sudden the line disintegrated like a spider web.

We said, that sounds like a good fish story. Calas became emphatic and said: "Look, I have just bought a new reel and line to take the place of the one that disintegrated. The next big one we hook, we will bring it in." Yes, there was the new reel and line.

When Calas goes fishing, he takes along a trailer, not to take the boat to the water, but to bring the fish home. When the fishing party returned to shore, they loaded their 1500 pounds of fish into the 1,000 pound capacity trailer and brought them home and put the fish into the freezer. That

is, all the fish they had room for in the freezer.

The rest of the fish was temporarily placed in an old unused beverage box outside in back of store. The box was so full that the tail of a 31 pound (the fish had been weighed) sea bass stuck up over the top.

Calas' store, on the east side of Avalon Blvd., is close to a large plot of vacant land between Carson and 220 st. This time of year the grass is green on the land. A few minutes after the fish had been put into the box, Calas went out back and discovered that some cows had wandered into the area. One cow had pulled the 31 pound sea bass out of the box and had eaten all but the head and a small part near the head.

Calas said it was a bull. "Bull," we said, smiling. He became very emphatic and said: "I tell you it was a male cow." There were several people in the store who backed him up.

The next morning we went back to get a picture showing part of the catch of fish. Calas apologized and wrote his own postscript to the story:

"A large dog herding the cows entered the yard to remove the cows, saw the fish in the large beverage cooler and pulled out a 31-pound white sea bass, started to eat it and did a good job. He (the dog) ate all but the head and ribs. This was the story given by an actual witness. At first I (Calas) thought one of the large bulls ate the fish, (this would have made a good story) but later found out that it was the large dog who did it. Any of the local draymen who owns a large brown sisk dog will probably now know why."

Now, we believe the entire story, hook, line and sinker.



HOSPITAL APPROVED — John Derry, seated, assistant chief of the Bureau of Hospitals, State Department of Public Health, tells Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital leaders their project for a \$1,100,000, 50-bed hospital had qualified for Hill-Burton fund aid. Left to right standing are Dr. Donald Cortum, Redondo Beach and Torrance, hospital board secretary; Glenn

Wymore, San Pedro attorney and board president and Dr. George Wall, San Pedro, fund drive chairman. Pledges totalling \$418,000, were secured during four month drive. Next problem confronting hospital group is raising \$300,000 cash in order to call for bids by March, 1959. Additional money will also be needed for equipment.

Approve Federal Grant For Bay Harbor Hospital

Construction of a new \$1,100,000, 50-bed Osteopathic Hospital on a six acre site on Lomita Blvd. at President Ave. in Harbor City was assured yesterday when officials of the State Department of Public Health announced the project has met all qualifications and will receive a \$594,882 Hill-Burton Fund allocation.

In qualifying for the grant of state and federal funds, Osteopathic leaders and their friends raised a total of \$418,000 in pledges during a four month campaign starting early last August. Glenn Wymore, San Pedro attorney and president of the Bay Harbor Osteopathic Hospital board of directors, told state officials. Wymore along with Dr. Donald Cortum, Redondo Beach and Torrance, secretary of the new hospital board; Dr. George Wall, San Pedro, chairman of the fund drive committee and Charles F. Crawford, director and public relations director,

Scott Park To Get New Building

A community building and other recreational facilities at Scott Park is now on the drawing board and is scheduled for completion during 1958. It was reported this week at the Carson Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Chamber President John Calas appointed Jack Henry chairman of the chamber's park and recreation committee to work with county officials who are developing the improvements at Scott Park.

Calas also reported on plans for the annual Christmas decoration contest to be judged December 20 through 22. Two awards for business establishments, one for large concerns and one for small businesses, will be made. Six prizes for residences, three for inside decorations and three for outside displays in the form of merchandise donated by merchants, will be awarded. Dave Eagan, E. J. Benda, Manuel Gonzales, John Calas and Bob Hasty volunteered to donate prizes.

Residents of the Carson area who wish to enter the contest

Two Teams Vie For Volleyball League Lead

The Harbor Hospital Resident Physicians and the Stunners volleyball teams share the top spot in the Torrance Recreation Department's 10-team Men's league at the conclusion of three weeks of play staged on Thursday evenings in the Boys gym at Torrance High School. The two teams have identical five win and one loss records.

The Docs reached the pinnacle by virtue of a twin win over the previously undefeated Rotary Club sextet by 15-7 and 15-8 scores. The Stunners also successfully met a previously undefeated foe, downing the Paach-combers 16-14 and 15-10.

In other games a hustling Torrance Teachers team outlasted the Kiwanis Club 15-8 and 15-5. The North Torrance Lyons Club won two games via the forfeit from the Harbor Hospital Interns and the Christian Men picked up their first win by splitting a pair with the Optimist 11-15 and 15-8.

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